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## The Corporation of the Municipality of Clarington

### By-law 2024-044

Being a By-law to amend the Exotic Animal By-law 2012-045 that regulates prohibited animals in the Municipality of Clarington.

Whereas Subsection 11 of the Municipal Act 2001, as amended, authorizes a municipality to pass by-laws respecting animals;

And whereas, arising out of Report LGS-032-24, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington has deemed it desirable/necessary to amend the Exotic Animal By-law to permit the keeping of chickens for the purposes of egg-laying within specific areas in the Municipality;

Now therefore the Council of the Municipality of Clarington enacts as follows:

1. That the following definitions be added to Part I:

“Coop” means a fully enclosed weatherproof insulated building where chickens are kept to prevent them from escaping and includes nest boxes for egg-laying, perches for the chickens to sleep on and for the keeping of food and water containers.

“Urban Chicken” means an egg laying hen kept within the property boundaries of a rural hamlet, rural cluster, or the Village of Orono.

2. That the following section and wording be added:

14.2 Sections 11 and 12 shall not apply to any Urban Chicken kept in accordance with Part IV of this By-law.”

3. That the following words/section be added as Part IV:

#### **PART IV – Urban Chickens**

33. No person shall keep Urban Chickens outside a Residential Hamlet (RH) Zone, Rural Cluster (RC) Zone, or the boundaries of the Village or Orono.
34. No person shall keep Urban Chickens on any property containing multiple Dwellings, including but not limited to a Converted, Duplex, Fourplex, Link Townhouse, Linked, Maisonette, and Triplex Dwellings, or Apartment Buildings.

35. Urban Chicken Owners must reside at the property in which the Urban Chickens are kept.
36. No person shall keep fewer than 2 Urban Chickens and no more than 4 Urban Chickens on a property.
37. No person shall keep Urban Chickens less than 4 months of age.
38. No person shall keep any roosters within their flock.
39. Urban Chickens shall only be kept for the purpose of egg-laying:
  - a. The sale or gifting of eggs or chicken products is not permitted, and
  - b. Urban Chickens shall not be slaughtered for meat consumption.
40. Every Owner shall keep their Urban Chickens in a Coop with an enclosed exercise area that:
  - a. is located in the rear of the property,
  - b. provides for an appropriate amount of space for roosting and exercise based on the number of birds kept,
  - c. is no taller than 2 metres in height at its tallest peak,
  - d. is no larger than 10 m<sup>2</sup> all inclusive,
  - e. is setback a minimum of 2 metres from any property line, and
  - f. is setback a minimum of 10 metres from any neighbouring building.
41. Urban chickens shall be confined in their coop between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
42. Coops and runs shall be maintained in a state of good repair, free of obnoxious odours, and vermin and pests.

43. Every Owner shall ensure:
  - a. sufficient food and water is provided,
  - b. food is kept secured in rodent proof containers,
  - c. waste and manure is removed and disposed of in a sanitary manner, a minimum of twice per week, and
  - d. deceased chickens are disposed of by means of a veterinary service or deadstock removal professional.
4. That subsequent sections and subsections be renumbered.
5. That in Schedule “A” of By-law 2012-045, the table be amended as follows:  
ADD: “Urban Chickens kept in accordance with Part IV” as Exception
6. That this by-law shall come into force and effect on the date of passing.

Passed in Open Council this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.

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Adrian Foster, Mayor

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June Gallagher, Municipal Clerk

Written approval of this by-law was given by Mayoral Decision MDE-2024-008 dated October 28, 2024.